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- 1. COMMITTEE I (C-1) MEETING IN INFORMAL SESSION COMPLETED THIRD READING OF REGIME ARTICLES. VERY FEW PROPOSALS TO CHANGE EXISTING TEXTS WERE INTRODUCED.
- 2. US C-1 REP (RATINER) WITHDREW US PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE FOR ARTICLE 9 (REFTEL) AT BEGINNING OF C-1 SESSION. IN WITHDRAWING PROPOSAL HE EXPRESSED GRATITUDE THAT LARGE MAJORITY OF DELEGATIONS WERE WILLING TO DISCUSS NEW PROPOSAL FOR MOST CRITICAL ISSUE IN REGIME ARTICLES BUT UNCLASSIFIED

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SAID ENTIRE COMMITTEE WAS NOT YET READY TO SERIOUSLY

NEGOTIATE. IN ADDITION, HE SAID THAT CRITICISMS BY OTHER DELS OF PARAGRAPH 2 OF US PROPOSAL WERE BASED ON QUESTION OF WHETHER AUTHORITY COULD DENY STATES OR PERSONS RIGHT OF ACCESS. HE STRESSED THAT US POSITION WAS THAT ACCESS COULD BE CONTROLLED BY AUTHORITY THROUGH PROVISIONS OF TREATY AND RULES AND REGULATIONS BUT THAT DELS MUST RECOGNIZE THAT US COULD NOT SERIOUSLY CONSIDER GIVING AWAY ITS RIGHT OF ACCESS TO SEABED MINERALS. PERUVIAN REP RESPONDED STRIDENTLY TO US INTERVENTION, SAYING THAT PRESENT ENTERPRISE ALTERNATIVE IN ARTICLE 9 WAS COMPROMISE PROPOSAL BECAUSE IT ADMITTED CAPACITY OF AUTHORITY TO ENTER SERVICE CONTRACTS IN PLACE OF DIRECT EXPLOITATION. HE FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT ENTERPRISE PROPOSAL SHOULD HAVE BEEN FORMULATED IN MORE EXTREME TERMS IF NEGOTIATION WAS TO OCCUR ON IT.

3. VENEZUELAN REP INTRODUCED CHANGE TO ALTERNATIVE B OF ARTICLE 10 ON PRODUCTION CONTROLS. PROPOSED CHANGE WAS TO SUBSTITUTE QTE PREVENT THE DETERIORATION IN PRICES OF END QTE FOR QTE MINIMIZE FLUCATION IN THE PRICES OF END QTE. US INTRODUCED FOLLOWING NEW LANGUAGE FOR ALTERNATIVE A:

QTE ARTICLE 10

THE EXPLORATION OF THE AREA AND EXPLOITATION OF ITS RESOURCES SHALL BE CARRIED OUT IN AN EFFICIENT MANNER SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR ORDERLY AND SAFE DEVELOPMENT AND MAXIMUM BENEFITS TO PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS OF RAW MATERIALS AND THE PRODUCTS WHICH ARE MADE FROM THEM. SUCH RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT SHALL ENSURE EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE USE THEREOF AND THE EQUITABLE SHARING BY STATES PARTIES IN THE BENEFITS DERIVED THERE FROM, TAKING INTO PARTICULAR CONSIDERATION THE INTERESTS AND NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WHETHER LAND-LOCKED OR COASTAL. END QTE

BRACKETS AROUND ARTICLE 21 ON DISPUTE SETTLEMENT WERE REMOVED AT REQUEST OF GHANA REP.

4. IN PRIVATE CONSULATIONS WITH CHAIRMAN OF C-1, UNCLASSIFIED

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PAUL ENGO, JULY 23, ENGO SUGGESTED TO GROUP OF DELS THAT LDC'S DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH KNOWLEDGE ABOUT ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS OF SEABED PRODUCTION. HE SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF ORGANIZING PRIVATE SEMINAR IN WHICH ECONOMISTS FROM VARIOUS DELEGATIONS COULD EXPLAIN IN SIMPLE TERMS PROBABLE ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF SEABED PRODUCTION AND DIFFICULTIES WITH SOLUTIONS SUCH AS PRODUCTION CONTROLS. STEVENSON

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